

"Enactment of eight-hour law by Saturday night will prevent strike"—W. G. Lee of Trainmen

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## PRESIDENT URGES CONGRESS TO RUSH BILLS THROUGH

### GREECE TO JOIN WARRING POWERS BY END OF WEEK

Expected to Abandon Policy of  
Neutrality.

SERBS CHECK BULGARIANS

Fighting Severe on Macedo-  
nian Front.

ATHENS, Aug. 30.—(Via London, Aug. 31).—Rapid developments in the diplomatic situation today make it appear that within forty-eight hours Greece will have abandoned the policy of neutrality in the war.

King Constantine will receive the French minister tomorrow (Thursday) and the Russian and British ministers shortly afterward. All staff officers on leave have been recalled for active service.

No Word of Flight.

The foregoing dispatch was filed in Athens at noon Wednesday and states that nothing had been heard there of the report that had been sent to London by the official British press representative in Greece that the king had fled from Athens. This report was contained in a dispatch sent from Saloniki Thursday evening and said the king had taken refuge with a German escort of 300 Uhlans at La Rissa, was forwarded from Saloniki by Ward Price, the official British press representative in Greece, under date of Tuesday evening. King Constantine, according to dispatches from Athens, underwent a surgical operation a few days ago and he has since been suffering from the effects of it. The report has not been confirmed and in official circles in London was considered highly improbable.

Bulgarians Checked.

LONDON, Aug. 31.—The fighting is very severe all along the Macedonian front, says an Athens dispatch to the Wireless Press, which adds that the Bulgarian regiments suffered a severe check at the hands of the Serbians on the entente left flank and that the Bulgarian losses are estimated at 15,000.

Ask Reinforcements.

The Bulgarian regiments, says the dispatch, attacked the Serbians in close formation after the German style near Lovoritz and suffered severely. They were compelled to ask for reinforcements from Valbanenki and Kastoria.

Bulgarian Town Occupied.

Rumanian troops, according to a report received here, have occupied the Bulgarian town of Rustchuk. Rustchuk has a population of about 35,000 and is situated on the Danube opposite the Rumanian town of Giurgievo.

Official announcement was made at Bucharest Thursday that the passage of Rumanian troops through Rumania has begun.

It was officially announced today that the British casualties killed, wounded and missing on all fighting fronts in the month of August totaled 4,711 officers and 123,234 men.

Fail to Hold Gains.

PARIS, Aug. 31.—German troops penetrated the French trenches in Parroy forest in Lorraine last night, but were immediately rejected by a counter attack, says today's announcement of the war office.

### COTTON FIGURES NOW PLACED AT 11,800,000 BALES

Further Deterioration of Grow-  
ing Crop Reported.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Further deterioration of the growing cotton crop during August has reduced the estimated final production by 1,116,000 bales to a total of 11,800,000 bales. That forecast of production was made today by the department of agriculture basing its calculation on the condition of the crop on August 25.

The Oklahoma condition is 56 percent. Other conditions:

Virginia, 50; North Carolina, 65; South Carolina, 57; Georgia, 62; Florida, 58; Alabama, 45; Mississippi, 49; Louisiana, 64; Texas, 60; Arkansas, 71; Tennessee, 80; Missouri, 80; California, 92.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 31.—The lowest August condition report on record in the local cotton exchange sent the price of cotton up an advance of \$4 a bale on this market today. At the height of the advance the December option sold to 16.12, a new high mark for the season and the highest since the 17-cent year of 1909. All months made new high quotations.

### Artisans Drop Work Rule to Aid Fair Folk

Carpenters to Labor Saturday  
Afternoons Upon New  
Grandstand.

For the first time in the history of the local carpenters' union it was agreed, at a special meeting held last night, to suspend temporarily the rule prohibiting work on Saturday afternoon; the suspension to apply only to work on the concrete grandstand at the State Fair grounds, now being rushed to completion by nearly 100 men.

Work of constructing a wood frame for the grand stand is being pushed rapidly, it was stated this morning by W. B. Culbertson, superintendent in charge. Concrete is being poured for the footings and unless some unforeseen emergency arises he expects to have the new edifice completed in ample time to permit its use in the opening day of the fair, September 23.

No structural iron workers are employed on the fair grounds job, Mr. Culbertson said, and rumors that they would attempt to force a strike were unfounded. Carpenters and laborers at work are displaying great energy and in all ways are evincing their willingness to hasten construction.

### FORTY PERCENT IN SOUTH MAY CONTINUE WORK

Railroads Offer Inducements  
to Train Crews.

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 31.—Virtually every railroad of importance in the south today had issued orders placing an embargo on perishable goods that could not reach their destination before the end of the week, owing to the threatened nationwide strike of engineers, conductors and trainmen.

Pending developments, cities were taking inventories to determine just how a strike would effect their food supplies. New Orleans and Memphis, the first cities to report, have found themselves with enough on hand to last a month or more.

The melon and fruit growers are expected to be the worst sufferers if a strike comes.

Officials of southern roads are unusually optimistic in statements regarding their ability to run trains if a tieup is attempted. Some of them have given as high as 40 percent in estimating the number of men who will refuse to quit work. Already the roads are offering extraordinary inducements to train crews who refuse to obey the strike order.

### Miss Hayes Named Librarian; Takes Miss Phelps' Place

Miss Mary Hayes, now first assistant librarian at the Oklahoma City Carnegie library, has been provisionally appointed to succeed Miss Edith Phelps, who has held the position for a number of years but who resigned some time ago. Miss Phelps vacates her position September 15.

Miss Hayes will be required to take an examination for the librarianship. Her appointment will have to be confirmed by the city commissioners.

### Unsettled and Generally Cloudy

Local Forecast—Generally unsettled and cloudy tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

State Forecast—Tonight and Friday generally unsettled; probably showers in northeast portion; cooler tonight in that section.

KANSAS—Partly cloudy with thunder showers.

ARKANSAS—Unsettled; probably showers.

WEST TEXAS—Partly cloudy.

WHEN A MOVIE  
PICTURE STAR  
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TION YOU CAN'T  
ALWAYS TELL  
WHETHER IT'S LOVE  
OR DISASTER

THE  
"ZIMMIE"

### STRIKEBREAKERS HIRED; RAILROADS EMPLOY GUARDS

Commissions Issued by Sher-  
iff to Companies.

MOTOR TRUCK POPULAR

Thousands of Workers to Lose  
Jobs Immediately.

The Frisco Railroad company applied to Sheriff Binion today for deputy sheriff commissions for twenty-five guards to protect its property in Oklahoma City in the event of a strike Monday. The Katy applied for fifteen commissions. It was expected the other roads would ask for commissions.

Sheriff Binion granted the request, it being understood, he said, that the guards are appointed for the purpose only of protecting property.

It was announced at the office of the superintendent today that the Katy road had employed more than 100 trainmen to take the places of union men Monday. It is planned to run only one train each way a day.

Business men and merchants of the entire state are preparing to transact their ordinary shipping business with motor cars and trucks in the event the nation-wide railroad strike called for next Monday morning materializes.

This was the statement this morning of F. E. Harkness of Oklahoma City, secretary of the Oklahoma State Automobile association. Every mail he receives, he says, brings requests from merchants, large and small, for information as to the best roads and routes to be followed in transporting supplies.

Auto Competition.

While Mr. Harkness has no information as to the number of automobiles in the state available for emergency service, he declares the motor car can compete successfully with the railroad.

The radius of usefulness of the modern motor truck is practically unlimited, as is shown in the case of the trucks in use by General Pershing's column in Mexico. And the gasoline-driven supply vehicles can go over practically any kind of road in the world.

Efficiency Proven.

"The experience of European armies and of our own in Mexico proves conclusively," said Mr. Harkness, "that the motor truck can go anywhere a mule can be driven, and can carry a load equal to more than 100 pack animals."

No city ordinances or state laws exist, the association secretary said, which would enable either Oklahoma City or the state to commandeer motor cars even in the case of direct necessity.

In event the president proclaims the entire nation under martial law, Mr. Harkness said, private motor vehicles could be commandeered by the government to carry supplies.

Many Workers  
Will Be Idle

Within ten days following calling of the proposed nationwide railroad strike, 4,000 Oklahoma City wage earners would be thrown out of employment, Sec. Elmer E. Brown of the Chamber of Commerce made the statement this morning after statistical inquiry.

Within fifteen days, he said, the number of local unemployed probably would amount to between 6,000 and 10,000.

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Rain Falls at Mangum.

MANGUM, Okla., Aug. 31.—(Special).—A general rain has fallen in this vicinity with great benefit to the crops, that town several months ago.

### BERLIN DISAVOWS UNFRIENDLY ACT IN OWEGO CASE

Note Submits Facts and May  
Settle Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Germany, in a note received at the state department today, practically disavowed any unfriendly intention in the submarine attack on the American steamer Owego several weeks ago and submits a statement of fact which is expected to close the case. The Owego was fired at but unharmed.

The German note declared the commander of the Owego ignored the signal of the submarine even after five warning shots and declined to send his papers until six more were fired.

### No Cause To Be Alarmed; There'll Be No Walkout

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Aug. 31.—(Special).—Mrs. C. Reed's "magic nickel," which foretold the success of Jack Johnson and President Wilson and plunged all Europe into war, was flipped with ceremony before members of the railroad brotherhoods here today. "Heads" meant no strike and "tails" a walkout. Three times the magic nickel came heads.

### Divorce Given Physician Held As a Bigamist

County Refuses to Act in the  
Knight Case; Without  
Jurisdiction.

The charge of bigamy against Dr. Robert A. Knight, who was arrested in McAlester after a search of six weeks by local officers, was dismissed today by Assistant County Attorney Selby. Lack of jurisdiction was the reason.

According to Selby, the alleged bigamy was committed either in Dallas where Knight was married to Ida Alta Colebaugh or in McAlester where he has been living for six weeks. The bigamy charge was made upon complaint of Josephine Knight.

Decree of Divorce.

According to records on file in the court clerk's office, Robert A. Knight obtained a decree of divorce from Angeline Knight on November 13, 1915.

In his petition Knight alleged they were married May 12, 1889, at New York city, and that they separated, and in 1907 entered into a property settlement. At that time, he said, she sued for divorce but the cause did not go to trial. He said he endeavored to induce her to return to him. He obtained the decree from Judge Clark on grounds of abandonment.

Decree Effective.

According to information at the sheriff's office, Knight was married to Ida Alta Colebaugh in Dallas on May 22, 1915. Knight's divorce decree granted by Judge Clark became effective six months after November 13, 1915, or on May 13, nine days before he was married again.

### VERMONT GUARD IS FORCED TO RETURN

MONTPELIER, Vt., Aug. 31.—Vermont national guardsmen who left Burlington yesterday under orders from the war department to proceed to Eagle Pass, abandoned their trip, because, according to officers, the railroads would not guarantee that the troops would reach the border before the time set for a strike on Monday. The troop train passed through here today on its return from Camp Gates.

### WOMAN BURNED ALIVE BY VILLA BANDITS

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mex., Aug. 30.—Reports received by military authorities here tonight said that when the Villa bandits captured the town of Satevito, fifty miles south of here last Friday, they burned a widow named Ruiz, alive, and shot her son, Augustin Ruiz. It was charged, according to the reports that the two had given information to officers of the American expeditionary column when it pursued Villa through that town several months ago.

### Boston Autoists Will Carry Milk

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—Motor car owners will participate actively in bringing milk and other supplies into this city if the railroads are tied up by a strike. The Bay State Automobile association has appointed a committee to determine how many motor trucks are available for milk delivery and its members have agreed to use their pleasure cars if necessary.

### Million to Fight Children's Diseases

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—A permanent research laboratory to combat children's diseases with an endowment fund of \$1,000,000, is assured today as the result of a meeting of physicians, educators and business men last night, at which the money was pledged. The movement grew out of the fight on infantile paralysis, but every ailment of childhood will be studied.

## Eight-Hour Law Will Recall Strike Order

### CO-OPERATION IS ROADS' PLAN TO RUN TRAINS

Operators Meet at Chicago to  
Discuss Outlook.

MILK SHIPMENTS FIRST

Lines Will Help Each Other to  
Move Traffic.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.—Presidents and operating officials of the railroads of the country are attending a conference today to formulate plans to operate trains in the event that the strike of the four brotherhoods of trainmen set for next Monday morning takes effect.

Practically none of the railroad heads shared in the optimism expressed in some quarters that the passage of the eight-hour bill by congress will prevent a strike.

Embargoes Ordered.

Embargoes begin today on every trunk line in the country. The embargoes, according to present plans, will be effective in the following order:

Effective at the close of business Friday, an embargo on all shipments of explosives and inflammables of every kind and on perishable freight, including livestock, dressed beef, live and dressed poultry, fresh fruits and vegetables.

Effective at the close of business Saturday, an embargo on freight of all kinds from all points to all destinations.

Most of the roads also gave warning to passengers that they should end their journeys before 7 a. m. Monday or be subject to indefinite delay.

Preference to Milk Trains.

Railroad officials plan to run at least one passenger train a day on every road and in each case, it is announced, preference will be given to milk trains.

The railroads will not carry on the tight single-handed, but according to tentative plans, will pool their resources.

Strike breakers, it is understood, will not be hired by individual roads, but by a central committee of all the roads and distributed where they are most vitally needed. If one road succeeds in moving trains while the tracks of another are stalled the successful road will lend a helping hand to the road in distress.

### 1,414 Oklahomans Veterans of War

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 31.—There are 149,074 members of the Grand Army of the Republic, according to figures made public today by John M. Adams of Cincinnati, adjutant general of the order. The department of Oklahoma includes 1,414 veterans, Arkansas 331, Kansas 7,788 and Texas 326. Pennsylvania leads with a membership of 15,800 with New York and Ohio following closely.

### Four Paralysis Cases in El Paso

EL PASO, Texas, Aug. 31.—Four children in El Paso have been stricken with a disease diagnosed today as infantile paralysis, according to the assistant county health officer.

### HOWARD ELECTED TO HEADSHIP OF TAX CONFERENCE

State Auditor Signally Honored  
by Convention.

E. B. Howard, state auditor of Oklahoma, was elected president of the entire closing session of the national tax conference meeting at Indianapolis, a dispatch from that city states this afternoon.

This election was considered a signal honor, Mr. Howard being the only state official being selected for the presiding post.

The national conference is composed of leading state officials, college professors and political economists.

### Federation Head Opposes Measures



Samuel Gompers.

Mr. Gompers, who is president of the American Federation of Labor, spoke at the hearing on the proposed railroad legislation on opposition to the compulsory arbitration bill.

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### NEWLANDS SEES CIVIL WAR DANGER IN RAIL STRIKE

Senator Opens Hearing With  
Statement of Purpose.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—Railroad officials and representatives of the trainmen's brotherhoods appeared in force today at the senate interstate commerce committee's hearings on President Wilson's legislative program to prevent the threatened railroad strike.

Elisha Lee, chairman of the managers' committee, headed the delegation of railway officials, which included President Underwood of the Erie, President Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio, Samuel Lee, president of the Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern, and R. S. Lovett, chairman of the board of the Union Pacific.

Gompers Is Present.

Representing the men were A. B. Garretson, W. G. Lee, W. S. Stone and W. C. Carter, the four brotherhood heads. Officials of the American Federation of Labor headed by President Gompers, Assistant Attorney General Todd and E. E. Clark, of the interstate commerce commission, also were present.

Senator Newlands, chairman of the committee, announced its purpose and said none of the proposed legislation included compulsory arbitration.

Means Civil War.

"It simply provides," he said, "in case of the failure of voluntary mediation and arbitration, for a government inquiry and the stay of the action of all the parties to the controversy until investigation and report should be made, leaving them free thereafter to act."

Senator Newlands spoke of the short time remaining for congress to act and said:

"This present dispute, if carried to its extremes, will involve the United States in a civil war. The question is whether we can find some means of bringing about a settlement of this dispute between employers and employees without resort to force."

The brotherhood representatives were heard first. Mr. Garretson announced that besides the heads of the four brotherhoods, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, would speak. He reviewed the circumstances which led up to the present conditions, and said it was the belief of labor organizations that differences between employers and employees should not be settled by legislation, but rather between themselves.

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### WILSON DEMANDS ACTION; SMILES OVER OUTLOOK

Union Men Say Grievance Will  
Be Removed.

FINAL APPEAL IS READY

Employees to Be Told Walkout  
Is Unpatriotic.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—While congress got down to work today on President Wilson's legislative program to prevent the railway strike, the president himself renewed his efforts to get the brotherhood leaders to recall their strike order and at the same time took steps to hurry congress along. He summoned the brotherhood leaders to the White House and went to the capitol to confer with administration leaders there.

After the conference between the president and the brotherhood leaders it was said at the White House that the employees "had given no assurances of any kind."

Embargo May Hasten Action.

The president expects that the action of the railroads in issuing embargo orders against perishable freight, thus affecting food, will have some effect in quickening action by congress.

Statements by brotherhood leaders that if the eight-hour law is passed by Saturday night the strike order will be rescinded led the president to redouble his efforts to have the measure rushed.

No Reason for Striking.

While President Wilson will continue to insist on his entire program, there were indications today that the attention of the administration leaders in congress first will be concentrated on the eight-hour day bill and on the bill to create a commission to investigate the situation. Those two measures include the basis of the plan of settlement proposed by the president to both sides and accepted by the employees. He takes the position that if these bills are passed, the men will have no justification for striking.

Mails On Every Train.

Postmaster General Burleson conferred with President Wilson and said afterward that he would insist that mails be carried on every train moved. If the employees offer to run trains to carry mails, he added, he will insist that the railroad managements furnish the equipment.

Should the president's appeal to the brotherhood heads to rescind the strike order fail, he is prepared to issue a public statement calling upon all members of the brotherhoods to join in ordering its recall. He would say the railroad employees have no right to imperil the industries of the nation under such conditions when the thing they demand is about to be provided by law.

Agree on Adamson Bill.

Formal announcement was made this afternoon that the president and the senate and house leaders had agreed on the Adamson bill as a compromise bill. It would make violation of its provisions a misdemeanor, punishable by from \$100 to \$1,000 fine or not exceeding one year imprisonment or both. The labor leaders insisted on having a penalty attached. A special rule will bring the bill up for direct action by the house. It would make the eight-hour day effective December 1.

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